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Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(c), i.e. prior to a first Office Action on the merits after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

Attached are copies of two Japanese patent documents, which were first cited in the attached foreign Office Action, mailed on January 8, 2008, issued in connection with the corresponding Japanese patent application No. 2003-026381. Also attached is an English-language abstract and translation of the Japanese patent document No. 8-21499, from which any relevance of the document can be gleaned. Also attached is an English-language partial translation of the foreign Office Action, from which any relevance of the Japanese patent document No. 54-164829, as well as further relevance of the Japanese patent document No. 8-21499 can be gleaned. The documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in the IDS was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

Since this IDS is being filed before a first Office Action on the merits, no fee is required, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 are deemed to be fully met as to all listed documents. Consideration of the listed documents is respectfully requested.

Should any fee be required, however, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002.

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